

ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE VETERINARY SERVICES

INVASIVE SPECIES ACTIVITIES





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ACTIVITIES
IN
FY 2003**

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- **\$725,000 included in the Import Export line item invasive species activities.**
- **CCC request to eradicate TBT in St. Croix, the U.S. Virgin Islands.**

FY 2003 ACTIVITIES

- **Funding also sought for a 2-year program for new eradication and surveillance techniques on other Caribbean U.S. territories.**

FY 2003 ACTIVITIES

- **Plan and carry out training of DHS inspectors at key ports of entry.**
- **Inspectors will inspect reptiles, collect ticks, and submit identifications.**



FY 2003 ACTIVITIES



- **Conduct national survey and analyze data.**
- **Determine key ports of entry for new employees.**

FY 2003 ACTIVITIES

- **Create and fill two positions at the National Veterinary Services Laboratory.**
- **New positions will support increased arthropod identification work.**



FY 2003 ACTIVITIES



- **Design survey procedures to identify pathways of species introduction.**
- **Conduct risk analysis to determine actions to mitigate risk.**



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FY 2004 ACTIVITIES



- **\$725,000 included in the baseline for invasive species activities.**
- **Request for additional \$450,000 for TBT line item.**

FY 2004 ACTIVITIES

- **Increase staffing at major U.S. ports of entry.**
- **Hire personnel trained to handle reptiles and amphibians.**
- **Hire quarantine enforcement officers to conduct inspections.**



FY 2004 ACTIVITIES

- **Conduct training for reptile handling at:**
 - **Riverdale, MD**
 - **Miami Import Center**
 - **JFK International**
 - **Los Angeles Import Center**

FY 2004 ACTIVITIES

- **Fund cooperative agreements with State and University systems to begin surveillance activities for exotic species of ticks.**



FY 2004 ACTIVITIES



- **Detect exotic species of tick locations.**
- **Develop methods to contain ticks and prevent their spread.**

INVASIVE SPECIES INITIATIVES

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

